GO Triangle

House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions

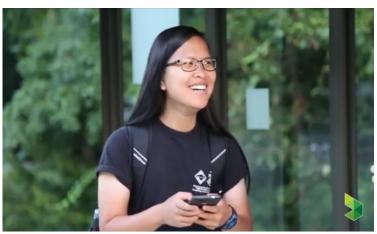
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What is Public Transportation?









Benefits of Transit

Public Transportation Enhances Connectivity & Personal Opportunities

Gives people options, or provides the only way to get to work, to school, doctor's appointments and other important places

Public Transportation Saves Families Money

A two-person household can save, on the average, more than \$10,174 a year by downsizing to one car

Public Transportation Reduces Gasoline Consumption

Public transportation use in the United States saves 4.2 billion gallons of gasoline annually





* Source: American Public Transportation Association

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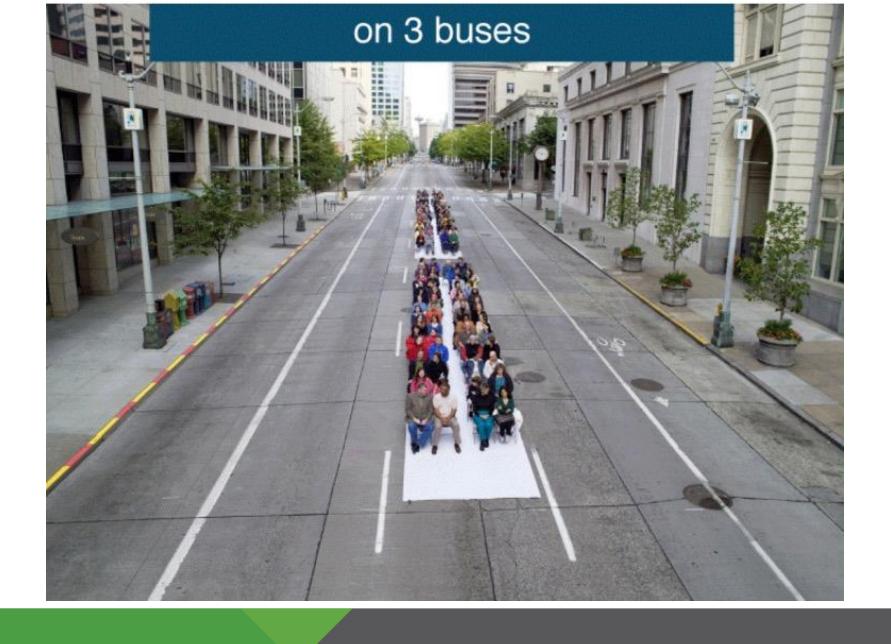
Public Transportation Reduces Congestion

- Proven record of reducing congestion
- ➤ Latest research shows that in 2011, U.S. public transportation use saved 865 million hours in travel time



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Investment in Transit

Public Transportation Provides Economic Opportunities

- Every \$1 invested in public transportation generates approximately \$4 in economic returns
- Every \$1 billion invested in public transportation supports and creates more than 50,000 jobs
- Every \$10 million in capital investment in public transportation yields \$30 million in increased business sales
- Home values performed 42 percent better on average if they were located near public transportation with high-frequency service





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North Carolina's Transit Investment





- In 2015, North Carolina's 99 public transportation systems served more than 75.4 million passengers.
- More than \$130 million in state and federal funds supported transit operations in all 100 counties. This funding supported 11,000 transit-related jobs, resulting in \$416 million in wages.
- Every \$1 that the state invests in transit generates approximately \$7 of total investment in North Carolina from federal, state and local sources.
- In 2015, North Carolina invested \$65 million in state funds, which helped bring in \$386 million in federal and local funds.

^{*} NCDOT Public Transportation Division

How Transit Projects Are Funded

- Historically, federal, state and local funds used to build major transit infrastructure projects
 - In NC, Charlotte LYNX Blue Line (opened 2007) and LYNX Blue Line Extension (opening 2017) – each received 25% state funding

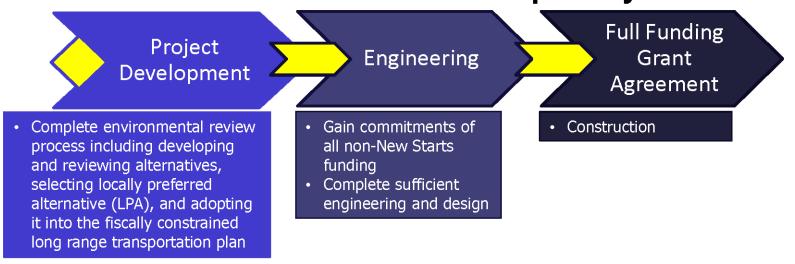
Primary Federal Source

- FTA Capital Investment Grants Program
 - Discretionary & Competitive Grant Program
 - Roughly \$2 billion/year awarded annually nationwide
 - Specifies stepwise process to be followed & rating criteria
 - Funds light rail, heavy rail/subway, commuter rail, streetcar, and bus rapid transit projects

New Starts

- Project cost > \$300m & seeking > \$100m in Fed \$
- Small Starts
 - Project cost < \$300m & seeking < \$100m in Fed \$

New Starts timeline New Starts and Core Capacity Process



- Project Development: statutory 2 year maximum
- Engineering: 3-4 year maximum
- Some project work takes place before entry into New Starts
- Significant oversight by FTA and other federal agencies during process, including approval to enter Engineering + FFGA.

Small Starts timeline Small Starts Process

Project Development

- Complete environmental review process including developing and reviewing alternatives, selecting locally preferred alternative (LPA), and adopting it into fiscally constrained long range transportation plan
- Gain commitments of all non-Small Starts funding
- Complete sufficient engineering and design

Small Starts Grant Agreement

Construction



New and Small Starts Project Evaluation and Rating under MAP-21

Individual Criteria Ratings

Mobility Improvements (16.66%)

Environmental Benefits (16.66%)

Congestion Relief (16.66%)

Cost-Effectiveness (16.66%)

Economic Development (16.66%)

> Land Use (16.66%)

Current Condition (25%)

Commitment of Funds (25%)

> Reliability/ Capacity (50%)

Summary Ratings

Project Justification†

(50% of Overall Rating)

*Must be at least "Medium" for project to get "Medium" or better Overall Rating

Local Financial Commitment[†] (50% of Overall Rating)

[†]Must be at least "Medium" for project to get "Medium" or better Overall Rating

Overall Rating

Overall Project Rating

State funding

- Competitive process through the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law
 - Transit projects only eligible in Regional tier (must serve two municipalities) and Division Tier
 - Two "10%" caps on transit projects
 - 10% of Total Regional Allocation over 10-year STIP period
 - 10% of Total Project Cost

FTA & STI criteria – well matched

Criteria	FTA	STI
Mobility	16.6%	20%
Cost-Effectiveness	16.6%	15%
Economic Development	16.6%	20%
Congestion Relief	16.6%	15%
Land Use	16.6%	NA
Environmental Benefits	16.6%	NA
Local Input Points	NA	30%

 Current STI (SPOT 4.0) criteria closely tracking FTA criteria means STI will only advance projects that will compete effectively for federal funds



P4.0 Public Transportation Criteria

(Fixed Guideway)

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Measure</u>	Regional Weight	<u>Division Weight</u>
Mobility	Estimated Annual Trips (1 point for every 250,000 Trips)	20%	15%
Cost Effectiveness	Cost of the Trip Over the Life of the Project (100 points for a cost of \$1 or less per trip; decreasing by 1 point for every \$0.03 increase per trip)	15%	15%
Economic Development	1 point per 1,000 new employees and 1 point per 500 new residents	20%	10%
Congestion Relief	((Guideway Passengers/Day) x 290 Days x 30 Years x Avg Time of Trip x Value of Time) / \$10,000,000	15%	10%

Local funding

- Dedicated local revenue stream (HB 148, enacted 2009)
 - ½ cent sales tax dedicated to transit
 - Dedicated vehicle registration fees
- Other local revenue sources can be used

GoTriangle is the regional transit provider for the Triangle



Vision Statement

To make exceptional public transportation the foundation of the region's community, prosperity, and mobility.

Mission

GoTriangle improves our region's quality of life by connecting people and places with safe, reliable, and easy-to-use travel choices.



Campaign inspiring commuters to take a bus, carpool, bike or walk instead of traveling alone in a car.

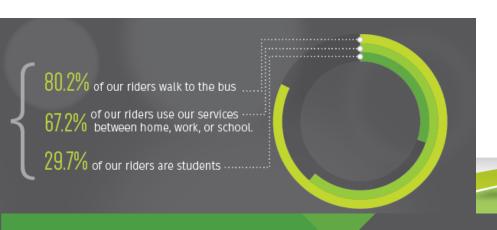
FY2015 TOTAL RIDERSHIP

1,843,735

2,630,942 fixed route miles travelled

Buses By The Numbers:

- > 73 Buses
- ➤ 14 Regional Routes
- ➤ 12 Weekday Express Routes
- > 4 Shuttle Routes
- > 14 Paratransit Vehicles





OTHER SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL SERVICE





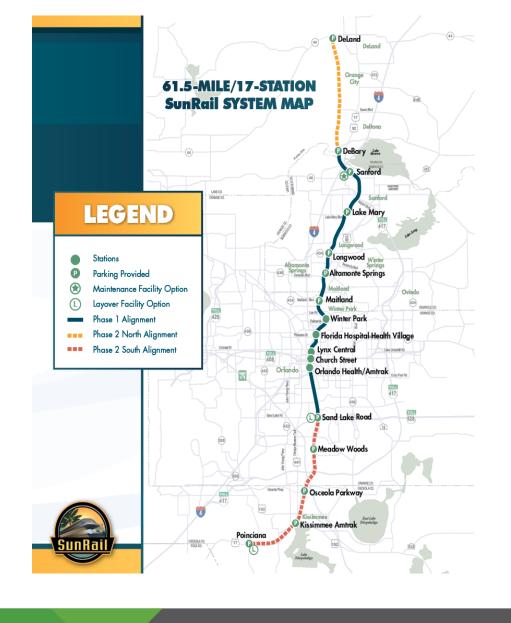


- Provide 70 vanpools with nearly 500 commuters to and from seven counties in NC
- Work directly with employers and property managers to promote commute options other than single occupied vehicles
- Support Other Commuter Resources: Trip Planning, Bike/ Walk Options, Emergency Ride Home

Transit-Oriented Development

SunRail

Central Florida

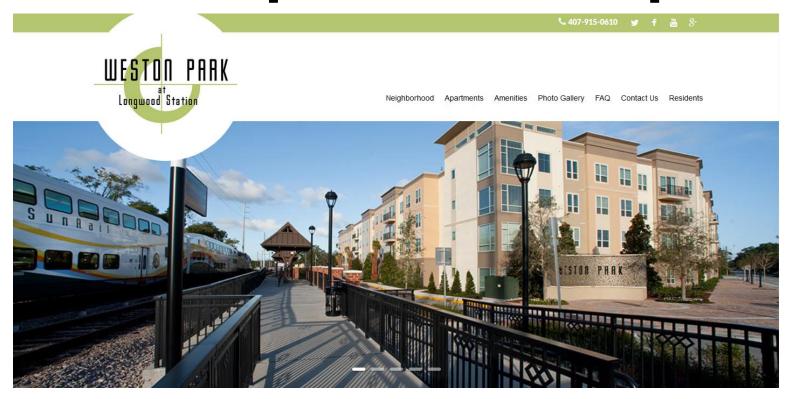


SunRail Project Funding

- 50% Federal New Starts
- 25% State Funding
- 25% Local Funding

Total project cost over a billion dollars

Development Example



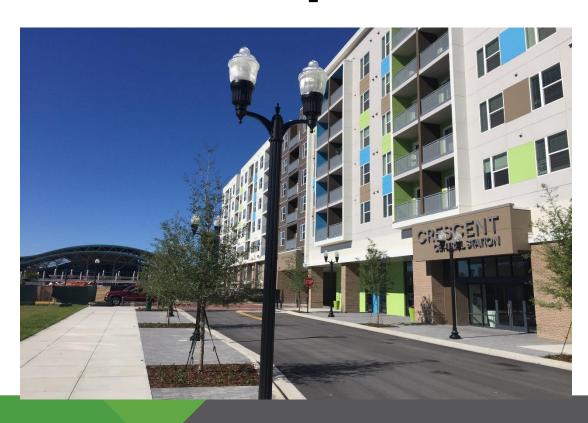
Weston Park Apartments, Longwood Station, Florida (Orlando Suburbs) 208 Units

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SunRail – Transit-Oriented Development



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SunRail TOD Update

Projects Completed Since 2010

Number of projects: 19

Construction Value: \$868 million

Permanent Jobs: 1,776

Projects Currently Under Construction

Number of projects: 13

Construction Value: \$548 million

Permanent Jobs: 2,284

Projects in Pipeline:

Number of Projects: 16

Construction Value: \$1,792 million

o Permanent Jobs: 10,234





